

(a) whether grievances raised by the affected people of Suwamarekha Project and Koel-Karo Project in South Bihar have been mitigated;

(b) details of the proposed compensation/land against land and employment to the displaced people;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide employment to the oustees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d).

#### **SUWARNAREKHA PROJECT**

The Suwamarekha Hydro-electric Project was commissioned 20 years ago. The Government of Bihar authorities have informed that for construction of this project about 1500 acres and 22 acres of land was acquired in 1965-67 and in 1980-81 respectively. All the land losers were paid compensation. They have also informed that initially there was no provision to provide employment to oustees of this project on a compulsory basis. But, now, of late, a large number of persons are claiming employment as land losers. Until now 24 land losers have been given employment on phase according to requirement and suitability.

#### **KOEL-KARO PROJECT**

This project is being executed by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.

For mitigating the grievances raised by the affected people of the Koel Karo Project, the proposed rehabilitation plan and compensation package includes homestead land for every displaced family, cultivable land to

the extent possible on lease basis, besides full compensation in cash for their land as well as property such as house, trees, wells, etc. It also provides for employment to the oustees in Class-III, IV or Clerical Posts depending upon their suitability and availability.

#### **Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited**

5295. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the life of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is ending on March, 31, 1992; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to extend the tenure of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited beyond March 31, 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Sir, the validity of the licence granted to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for operating telecom services in Delhi and Bombay is expiring on 31.3.1992. The licence is being extended for a further suitable period.

#### **Vayudoot Services for Postal Articles**

5296. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Postal Department is considering to hire the Vayudoot services for transport of mails and postal articles from Delhi to other places and vice versa;

(b) whether any decision has been arrived at;